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9.1 Objectives

- 9.1.1 To familiarize the trainee with the concepts of sampling.
- 9.1.2 To instruct the trainee on the sampling procedures in the laboratory.

9.2 Modes of Instruction

- 9.2.1 Self-directed study through reading assignments
- 9.2.2 Presentations and demonstrations
- 9.2.3 Practical exercise

9.3 Reference

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9.4 Assignments

- 9.4.1 Completion of required reading assignments (9.3.1, 9.3.2, 9.3.5, 9.3.6, 9.3.7)
- 9.4.2 Study questions

9.5 Study Questions

- 9.5.1 Define the following:
 - Sampling
 - Statistic
 - Population

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- Sample
- Homogeneous
- Heterogeneous
- Aliquot
- Random
- Representative
- Arbitrary
- Selective
- Coning and Quartering
- Grab sample
- Sampling without replacement
- Sampling with replacement
- Weight fraction
- 9.5.2 Define normal distribution, binomial distribution, and hypergeometric distribution. When is each correctly used?
- 9.5.3 What is the purpose of sampling?
- 9.5.4 What physical properties of particles must be considered when sampling powders?
- 9.5.5 What is "sampling error" and what effect does particle size have when sampling particulate matter?
- 9.5.6 What are the advantages and disadvantages of sampling?
- 9.5.7 What is a "composite" sample? When is it acceptable to do a composite?
- 9.5.8 What criteria must be used to determine the size of the sample?
- 9.5.9 What are the major deciding factors in how well a sample represents a population?
- 9.5.10 How does statistically-based sampling complement personal experience?
- 9.5.11 Explain the different levels of allowable failure rates using the hypergeometric sampling scheme.
- 9.5.12 Outline sampling protocols used in the laboratory.

9.6 Modes of Evaluation

9.6.1 Written examination

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